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WASHINGTON, July 8, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 2 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 8.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both years included the first week of the annual coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 401.7 billion ton-miles, 3.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 2 totaled 351,450 cars, 5.7 percent over 1982, but 6.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.8 percent in the East, 1.0 percent in the South and 8.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were up, led by metallic ores, which increased by 60.4 percent. Other significant gains included: non-metallic minerals, 39.9 percent; lumber and wood products, 28.6 percent; coke, 27.9 percent; and motor vehicles and equipment, 14.4 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 25 totaled 46,987 cars, up 24.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 81,980 trailers and/or containers, 23.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 1,076,602 cars, 19.5 percent higher than last year, and 1,850,046 trailers and/or containers, up 15.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/2/83:

	Loadings in Week ended July 2, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,967	D	3,533	12.8	D	1,360	5.4
Other farm products	4,282	I	254	6.3	I	226	5.6
Metallic ores	21,821	I	8,217	60.4	D	470	2.1
Coal	79,183	D	4,647	5.5	D	25,745	24.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,742	I	1,313	13.9	D	416	3.7
Nonmetallic minerals	11,437	I	3,261	39.9	D	373	3.2
Grain mill products	11,152	D	62	0.6	D	289	2.5
Food and kindred products	11,227	D	1,488	11.7	I	231	2.1
Primary forest products	13,289	I	302	2.3	D	1,027	7.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,072	I	1,793	28.6	I	289	3.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,305	D	562	3.5	D	325	2.1
Chemicals and allied products	23,065	I	2,507	12.2	I	1,500	7.0
Petroleum products	4,902	I	314	6.8	I	114	2.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,542	I	740	7.5	D	97	0.9
Coke	5,683	I	1,240	27.9	I	268	4.9
Metals and products	8,541	D	395	4.4	I	584	7.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,038	I	2,275	14.4	D	203	1.1
Waste and scrap materials	7,925	I	989	14.3	D	296	3.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,687	D	734	7.8	I	408	4.9
All other carloads	53,298	I	8,165	18.1	I	1,518	2.9
LCL traffic	292	D	1,128	79.4	D	3	1.0
Total Cars Loaded	351,450	I	18,821	5.7	D	25,466	6.8
Corresponding week of 1982	332,629						

	1983	1982	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	9,159,480	9,783,339	D 6.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
25 weeks ended June 25	385.8	400.7	D 3.7
Week ended July 2	15.9	14.7	I 8.0
26 weeks cumulative	401.7	415.5	D 3.3

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